THE BIGGEST CUTYET

A Committee of Freight Agents Slash Iron and Steel Kates

DOWN FROM 20 TO 25 PER CENT.

Interesting Inside History of the Unprecedented Move.

THEY GIVE MR. CARNEGIE NO CREDIT

One of the biggest cuts in westbound rates on articles of iron and steel manufacture in the history of the railroads was made yesterday. Only once before, about eight years ago, when the iron rate to Chicago for a lew days was 234 cents, were the rates ever as low as they will be on June 8, when this latest out will go into effect.

The present rates on iron and steel articles from Pittsburg to Chieago are 1734, and 15 cents in less than car and car loads. Yesterday the Pittsburg committee of freight agents met in the Lake Shore office and reduced these rates to 11 and 14 cents to by wards: Chicago. Taking the Windy City rate as a basis, the rates to East St. Louis will be 17 and 13% cents; 16 and 13 cents to Milwaukee; 241/2 and 191/2 to the Mississippi river points, Burlington, Rock Island and Davenport; 10 and 8 cents to Buffalo, etc. The cut applies westbound to all the points between the Pittsburg territory and the Miss issippl river, except St. Paul and Minne-apolis.

BATES THERE EVEN LOWER. From Duluth to these two cities the roads

have to compete with the lakes, and the rates are a little lower. The new rail and lake rates, however, to St. Paul and Minneapolis will be 17 and 2134 cents, a reduction of about 5 cents on the all rail rate.

The inside history of this big iron and

steel cut is quite interesting. The immediate cause of the present reduction was the cut made a few days ago by the Nypano from Youngstown to Chicago, and of course the other lines had to follow suit, as they did yesterday. The Nypano reduced the rate on manufactured articles of iron and steel from Youngstown to Chicago from 13 and 15 cents to 10 and 13 cents.

Heavy pressure had been brought to bear on the Nypano and Lake Shore roads for by the Mahoning and Shenango iron manufacturers for a reduction of rates The Nypano is not in the Central Traffic ion, but usually acts with the organization.

NOT QUITE READY TO CUT. Finally about a month ago the valley roads in the Central Traffic Association

recommended to that body that a reduction be made, but the other lines refused and the matter was dropped. Afterward the Nypano, acting on its own responsibility, made the ut, which has become general.

President John Newell, of the Lake Eric

and Lake Shore roads, held a conference with Vice President McCullough, of the Pennsylvania road, on Decoration Day, when they agreed to meet the Nypano rates, and the Pittsburg committee was ordered to make the reduction. The Youngstown committee will meet in Cleveland to-day to prepare a new Western tariff on the basis of the out from that city.

The railroad men will not admit that the

appeals and vigorous protests of Mr. Car-

HAD ANYTHING TO DO with bringing about the reduction. They attribute the glory to the Mahoning and Sbenango valley iron men, who induced the Nypano to make the cut.

The general reduction in rates from Chicigo to St. Paul by the C. B. & N. road failly took the wind out of the local commercial men, who had come to think that rates universally trees firm as adamant. The other Northtern roads, except the Rock Island, have The commercial agents of the in Central were busy, yesterday notifying shippers of the reduction. Some of the local men seem to think that the break in the Northwest is only the forerunner of a general smash-up in Western rates, and that it won't be long before the Mississippi river rates will be turned upside down. It does look as if the Western roads are again losing their heads, and the rate wars of last summer may be re-

A MARVELOUS ESCAPE.

Two Boys Play on a Trestle and They Are Overtaken by an Engine.

A narrow escape from injury was made by George and Harry Jones, two little brothers, yesterday afternoon at the trestle of the Pittsburg and Western Railroad, at the foot of Chartiers street, Allegheny.

The trestle is raised about 15 feet, and for some time past many little boys have gathered there and bantered each other by walking on it.

George and Harry Jones yesterday afternoon were walking on the trestle and were at about the middle of the crossing when a freight train, going at a fair rate of speed,

came around the bend.

The engineer reversed his engine and called to the boys to jump. George did, but his brother was not quite quick enough. He was struck by the engine and thrown from the trestle. Both boys, with the exception of suffering a severe shaking and several bruises, escaped uninjured.

A DETECTIVE DISCHARGED.

He Was Sued for Embezzlement by a Man Who is in Juli Himself.

Private Detective J. D. Bauder had a hearing before Alderman McMasters last night on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, preferred by Ferdinand Kiein, who alleged that Bauder got money from him to pay for an oleomargarine analysis and used the eash for other purposes. Klein is serving a three months' term in jail and had to be brought from jail on a writ to attend the hearing.

The Alderman decided that the evidence was insufficient and discharged Bauder.

A Statement Promised

The Window Glass Workers' Association of the Southside met last night and were in session until after 10 o'clock. The matter of President Campbell's investigation was considered, but the officials of the meeting declined to give out anything for publication. President Campbell stated that an official statement would be issued in a day or two covering the matter in its present condition.

A Band Reorganized.

The S. S. D. Thompson Band, of Allegheny, has reorganized, and at a meeting held at 73 Beaver avenue they elected the following named officers: J. C. McBorne, President; Charles E. Thompson, Treasurer; Henry Leech, Secretary, and Harry Schaf-furt, Leader. This is the band which had Treasurer running away with the cash.

A Phneton Not Promptly Returned. Samuel Hook was sued before Alderman McMasters yesterday on a charge of larceny by bailee of a phaeton buggy belonging to L. Glesenkamp & Son. It is alleged he about the shop. One of them secured the vehicle last March and has Ehinger's hat in the shop, he failed to return it. He gave bail for a hear- and the barber ejected him.

A Large Check Remitted. City Treasurer Denniston yesterday remitted to Townsend, Wheelen & Co., PhilTHE COST OF DRINKING

ssessments for City Water During the Year -No Decrease From Defunct Saloons-A

Large Increase. The books of the Bureau of Water Assessnents, showing the taxes assessed for the use of the city water in the various wards, were completed yesterday and will be placed in the hands of the City Treasurer by was Mr. Miller's first attempt at making the assessment since his appointment, and he feels satisfied that it has been done as well as possible owing to the efficiency of his corps of assistants, to whom he gives much

The assessment of the entire city shows an increase of \$47,386 90 over that of last year, although many predicted that the re-duction in the number of saloons, who are good customers of the Water department, would cut the revenue down to the figures be made. At present the rate for boiling is tions in the two cities.

of last year, notwithstanding the growth of \$5.50 per ton, based on the manufacturers' Each of the following

City Treasurer Denniston requests that parties sending for statements of water tax will give the names of the owners of the rty, and if they are tenants, their own Otherwise he cannot and will not try to send a correct statement. The following is the assessment of the city

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WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN HOME

Locust Street, Allegbeny. The Home for Christian Women, 133 Locust street, Allegheny, will hold their annual dinner next Thursday between 12 and 2 P. M. The ladies have been making special arrangements and hope to make it the most enjoyable one yet held, and, above all, trust that the financial part will surpass all previous endeavors of the kind to raise funds for the maintenance of the insti-

The Committee on Luncheon is Mrs. R. S. Davis, chairman; Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. John Porter; fancy booth, Mrs. Smith, chairman; Mrs. Corwin, Miss Nelson; ice cream booth, Mrs. John Arthur, chairman, and several aids; Reception Committee, Mrs. Brum, chairman; Mrs. Samuel McKee and Mrs. Sterling.

A CONSTABLE SUED.

He is Alleged to Have Permitted a Pris oner to Escape From Him. Patrick Clair, Constable of the Seventh ward, was given a hearing before Alderman McMasters last night, charged by P. Meyer

with permitting a prisoner to escape. The prosecutor testified that Clair had been sent to Homestead to arrest a man named A. Brown on a charge of false pre-tenses. Clair found the man in a mill at work, and after having a long conversation leit him with the promise that he would come down to the Alderman's office and give bail for a hearing. Brown left Home-stead the next day and has not returned, and it is said he went to Chicago to escape this suit.

Constable Clair made no defense, and Alderman McMasters held him for court \$500 bail.

MRS. GOLDMAN VINDICATED.

Been Alleged, Yesterday.

The item printed yesterday in relation to the case of Mrs. Libbie Levy, Sarah Goldman, Jennie Novinsky and Mr. Levy, who spent a good part of the day suing each other for larceny and assault and battery, made Mrs. Goldman a defendant in one of the cases.

The only connection Mrs. Goldman had with the matter was that she had the misfortune of being at her sister's place on Logan street at the time when the trouble

She sued Levy for assault and battery but the statement that she was sued for larceny and assault and battery was incorrect, the suits being against Mrs. Novinsky

EDWARD MURPHY INTERRUPTED. A Prohibition Meeting Held in Alleghen

With a Musical Band. Last night a Constitutional amendment meeting was held in the open lot near the

car stables on Beaver avenue, Allegheny. Fully 1,000 men were present, and the drum corps feature that Captain Barbour has added to his part of the prohibition fight was used to great advantage. Speeches were made hy Rev. Mr. Reilly, Captain

Barbour and Edward Murphy. While the latter was speaking one man interrupted. Mr. Murphy answered his remarks, and was content to keep it up, as h had the best of the argument, but the audi-ence didn't like the disturbance, and made the man who was interrupting keep quiet.

A PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

Barrel of Flour Falls From a Wagon at Hurts Mrs. Mimm Seriously.

About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mrs. M. Mimm met with a painful acciden while passing the grocery store of J. B. Voskamp, No. 1013 Liberty street.

Some men were engaged in unloading barrels of flour from a wagon, when one of the barrels slipped just as Mrs. Mimm passed. It rolled down the plank and struck the unfortunate lady, knocking her down, breaking her leg and otherwise She was taken to her home, 144 Pike street, where she was attended by Dr.

BENEFITS OF EDUCATION

To the Indians Willbe the Subject of a Lecture Held To-Night.

An address under the auspices of the Women's National Indian Association of Pittsburg and Allegheny will be given by Mrs. Annie DeKnight Robinson, in the First U. P. Church, Seventh avenue, Pittsburg, next Thursday evening. Her subject will be the benefice of Christian education to the Indians as seen by visiting Red Bock, Ponca, Sisseton and other reserva-tions. Major A. M. Brown will preside at the meeting.

Much Ade About a Little Last night John Gable had a hearing before Alderman Doughty on a charge of assault and battery on a minor phild, Eddie Ehinger. The information was made by Otta Ehinger. Gable is a barber on Thirty third street, and some boys were playing about the shop. One of them to wEddie Her it, costs, and the suit was settl

Inspector McAlcene The hearing in the case ernsthy, charged befor Kenna with selling liquo adelphis, \$67,297 for registered interest due Kenna with selling lique at the refree June 1, on funded debt and was again postponed ye impervement bonds of the city of Pittsburg. week, by request of Insp

MAY CHANGE THE BASE.

The Work on the Iron Makers' Scale Con menced-A Difference of Opinion-The

Committee is Puzzled. The Wage Committee of the Amalgamated Assocaition met yesterday morning at the headquarters, and were in session all day considering the suggestions of the different lodges on the scale for the coming endent Miller this morning. This year. There were several hitches on the memorandum of agreement, and but little progress was made. When the meeting ad-journed at 6 o'clock Secretary Martin said: "We have got through with the boilers' scale, and that is all." He declined to say what had been done or what wages would likely be demanded.

A representative of this paper saw some of the delegates last evening and learned Gray will deliver the bequests named in that several important changes would likely his will to the different charitable institubar iron card. This may be changed, as the base is not satisfactory to some of the men. They claim that the price of bar iron has been the same for years, and are anxious to change it to something else. The only proposition made so far is to change the base from bar iron to sheet iron.

A discussion on this matter occupied the time of the committee all day, but no de cision was reached. It is believed that the will recommend the change to the convention, which meets next Tuesday. One of the members of the committee, in talking on the subject last night, said: "There may be some objection to the change base from bar to sheet iron. It suit the sheet fron men, but some of the other workers may object to it. The price of bar iron has remained stationary for several years, and the men seem to want a base that fluctuates. The price of sheet iron changes occasionally, but not very often I do not think it will make much difference

it the base is changed."

When asked if the men would demand the present scale for next year or its equivalent an evasive answer was given. The delegate who was spoken to said the Amal gamated Association had at one time of gamated Association had at one time of-lered to accept a reduction in wages. The scale this year will likely be the same as is now in force. The committee will hold another meeting to-day and may be com-pelled to meet to-morrow and Monday before they can prepare a report for the con-

K. OF L. IRON WORKERS.

An Important Convention to be Held b Chicago This Month.

The Knights of Labor National Assembly of Iron and Steel Workers, N. T. A. 217, the rival of the Amalgamated Association, will hold an annual convention in Chicago, beginning June 19. All members are invited to be present if possible, and every local assembly, whether in good standing or not, is invited to send delegates.

The following call from the National Master Workman, James Mahoney, of this city, has been issued:

To Locals Attached to N. T. A. 217, K. of L.: To Locals Attached to N. T. A. 217, K. of L.:

The second annual convention of N. T. A. 217,
K. of L., iron and steel workers and blastfurnacemen, will be held in Chicago, June 19,
1889, at 10 o'clock A. M. The officers of N. T. A.
217 invite all local assemblies to send delegates
to the convention, as business of the greatest
importance will be transacted. All local assemblies attached to N. T. A. 217 who have
been unable through the enforced idleness of
their members and other causes to pay up their
per capita tax and assessments are also invited
to send delegates to the convention, who will
take their grievances, so that the body in convention assembled may take action upon each
case according to its merits.

James Mahonet, N. M. W.

NOT READY TO DROP IT.

The Green Glass Bottle Blowers Still

Auxious to Investigate. Green Glass Bottle Blowers' Assembly No. 6111, K. of L., met last night and elected delegates to the convention to be held at Atlantic City on July 10, The delegates chosen were D. A. Hayes, George Kern, Tim Havey, P. Havey, Wm. F. Sir clair, J. Hirsch, Louis Sahner and J. M. Miller The convention will meet with the Eastern District, No. 149, and it is the intention to form a national trade organiza-tion of green glass bottle blowers.

The assembly appointed a committee to deny the published reports that the bottle blowers are satisfied to drop the proceedings in relation to the importation of window glass workers. The committee stated that 180 men were at the meeting and voted unanimously in favor of going on with the investigation. They said they had evidence submit, were only waiting until they got an opportunity to submit it, and they were willing to go on with the case on the terms proposed by L. A. 300.

Bottle Blowers' Meeting. L. A. 6111, K. of L., composed of bottle blowers, met last night, as announced yesterday. The investigation of the charges against the officials of the Window Glass Workers' Association was discussed, and the assembly decided to keep hands off any law has been violated, they believe the guilty persons should be punished, but will not take any active part in the investigation as it is now being conducted.

A SPECIAL meeting of L. A. 2946, K. of L., mposed of brickmakers, will be held on Mon-

day evening. Some important business is to be MASTER WORKMAN Ross, of D. A. S. K. of L., has been to Philadelphia and has explained the charges against him. He proposes to have the persons who trumped up the charges ex-pelled from the order.

THE General Executive Board of the Knight of Labor nave ordered 1,000,000 copies of the declaration of principles of the order, which will be distributed among the French working people at the Paris Exposition.

COUNCILMEN INVESTIGATED.

Members of Allegheny Common Council Charged With Corruption. Special meetings of both branches of AL legheny Councils were held last night. In Select Councils only routine business was

disposed of. In Common Councils Mr. Hartman pre sented a resolution in regard to statements made referring to acts of corruption by members of Common Council in the election for chairman of that branch, and providing for the appointment of a committee of three to investigate and report. The resolution was adopted.

JOHN WILSON DIED.

The Man Who Was Stabbed April 24 Succumbed at the Hospital. Coroner yesterday sfternoon im panneled a jury and viewed the remains of John Wilson, the man who was stabbed on April 24 by Andrew Heiser and died at the

St. Francis Hospital yesterday.

Drs. Staub, Johnson and Davis were ap pointed to make a post mortem examination and report to the Coroner's jury at 10 o'clock this morning, to which time the inquest was adjourned. Heiser is in jail.

Probibition Prohibits.

The question "Does Prohibition Pro hibit ?" formed the theme for debate of the Washington Colored Literary Club, Lawrenceville, last night. George Kean argued for the affirmative and John Brown for the negative. The decision was awarded in favor of the affirmative after an id the hour's discussion.

> A Disorderly Outerer. John Devlin, Annie Parker, John Du rant, Mary and Sadie Durant were drunk and acting disorderly in a house on Old avenue last night, and Officer Maxwell arrested om all. They were taken to Central sta

GRAY'S GOODLY GIFTS

How Donations Will be Used and a Technical Point in the Will.

WILL IT BE NOTICED BY THE HEIRS?

Allegheny Hospital and Other Institutions Will Fare Most Advantageously.

THE PORMER SOON TO BE ENLARGED Two weeks from to-day the administrators of the estate of the late Captain Richard C.

Each of the following institutions will receive \$5,000: Homeopathic Hospital, Pittsburg; Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburg. The Allegheny General Hospital was the most fortunate in the bequests of Captain

Ex-Mayor Louis Peterson, one of the Board of Directors, was seen and asked in what manner the money would be used to further the interests of the institution. "I had not been apprised," said he, "of the fact that the early distribution of Cap-

tain Gray's bequests would take place, and I really do not know to what use our share will be put. There is one point in the matter which is especially commendable, and that is the action of the heirs, etc., of the

THEY WERE MAGNANIMOUS. "If the park people wished hey could have claimed every cent of the \$20,000 bequeathed to us, as in accordance with the act of Assembly the document was-illegally drawn up. The act requires that all wills bequeathing anything to charitable institutions shall be witnessed by two reputable persons. In this case there were no witnesses. Therefore the beneficiaries of the deceased could have claimed and legally secured our gift. However, they have asserted to me that nothing of the kind will be done, and the original bequests will be carried out to the letter. This is very generous, and shows a kindly spirit on the part of the beneficiaries. f the beneficiaries.
"As to what we will do with the money,

I haven't given it much thought, but we have a mortgage indebtedness of \$25,000 which I would like to see liquidated, and perhaps this money may go toward that

"To my mind, I think that the money should be used in the erection of something which would serve as a testimonial to the memory of Captain Gray."

Secretary Patterson, of the hospital, said that the debt was still hanging over the hospital. Another thing was that they need

more room, and the enlargement of the place is probable. The share of the estate arising from the residuum fund, given to the Allegheay General Hospital, according to the provisions of the will, is to go into the endowment fund of the institution and the interest to be applied to the general maintenance o the institution. After the death of J. C. Gray his share (\$10,000) of the estate will also descend to the same institution.

THE HOMEOPATHIC SHARE. As to the \$5,000 left the Homeopathic Hospital, Dr. J. H. McClelland said: "According to an act of Assembly, all bequests to the hospital must go into an endowment fund which has been established. This can never be touched in any way, further than the using of its interest for the maintenance of the patients and hospital.

The Home for Incurables, Butler street, mear Fifty-fifth street, will receive \$5,000.

Miss Pressly, president of the institution, when seen by a DISPATCH reporter yesterday in regard to what would be done with

the money, was very reticent on the subject, as she said they had not yet received it. However, she said that when the money was received the wishes of the friends of the donor would be consulted, and it they had Board of Managers would not upon it. A cils. way it would do the most good, and be a

The Home for Christian Women, formerly called the Sheltering Arms' Society, 133 Locust street, Allegheny, will receive \$5,000. For the present the sum will be invested to time as the institution is ready to rebuild. which is proposed in the near tuture. The above plan is not definitely decided on yet, but it seems to be the most favorable one

OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

The West Penn Hospital will receive \$5,000, which will be invested as an addition to the endowment fund.

The Colored Orphan Asylum, Greenwood avenue and Ohio street, Allegheny, will re-ceive \$5,000. The sum will, for the present,

bei nvested to the best advantage possible, a an addition to the endowment fund. Among the other beneficiaries are the Al-legheny Ladies' Relief Society; Colored Orphan Society, Allegheny; Western Pennsylvania Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, Wilkinsburg; Association for the Improvement of the Poor, Pittsburg; Old Men's and Women's Home, Home for Incurables, Sheltering Arms, Board of Home Missions, Young Men's Church Association, Poor of the First Presbyterian Church, Allegheny and Old Ladies' Home. All of which wil use the generous gift to the best advantage

respectively. IT WAS QUITE NOVEL.

The Entertainment of the Old Woman Who Lived ha Shoe. Mother Merryheart's Picnic, "The Old Woman Who Lived in the Shoe," at the Eighth Street R. P. Church last evening, the proceeds of which go to Amendment work, was successful in a financial way, and doubly so as a means of enjoyment. The 21 speeches, songs, choruses, colloquies, recitations, marches, etc., which formed the pro-gramme, were all given and the satisfaction of adults was only sarpassed by the delight of the junior portion. The youngsters showed that they appreciated the spirit of the performances and each performer evidently felt obliged to do his

FATHER HICKEY TO REMAIN In Braddock and Not Take Charge of St.

or her best both in song and character repre-

Peter's Cathedral. The report that Rev. Father Hickey contemplated removing to St. Peter's, Allegheny, is denied by intimate friends of the reverend gentleman. Neither is Father

Hickey so ill as to be unable to attend to his duties. His physician has advised him to take a rest, and suggested the Buffalo Lythia Springs, of Virginia, as a very desirable place for the purpose, and it is probable that Father Hickey may go, should he be able to procure some priest to take his place during his absence and obtain the permistic procure in Dicha Box. sion from the Right Rev. Bishop to make the trip.

parents, on Thirty-ninth street. Simultaneously with the cannon's explosion was the combustion of a small paper containing powder, which the lad was holding. The Fark to be Improved. The contractor will begin the work putting in a new curb around the Seco avenue park next Monday.

LIVING IN STYLE.

The American Delegates to Samonn Conference Are Having a Good Time at Berlin-They Are Invited Out Frequently-Good Dinners

and Fine Wines. BERLIN, May 31 .- In addition to the hard work which the American Commissioners to the Samoan Conference lay out themselves each day they are obliged to give up considerable time to social duties in the gay German capital, and every night when they are not entertaining guests at their rooms at the Kaiserhoff, they are sure to be at some dinner given in their honor by some distinguished resident of Berlin. During the past week two notable dinners were given for them, the first on Wednesday by Sir Edward Malet, the English ambassador, and the other on Friday night, when Count von Holstein, one of the German Secretaries of State, gave some of them a banquet, which, for menu, wines and the character of its guests, is said never to have been equalled

The wines were of the rarest vintages, and indeed most of them are unpurchaseable now. Among the guests were Count Waldersee (Von Moltke's successor). Count von Wedell, the Emperor's Aide, Mr. William Walter Phelps, Mr. Kasson, Count Fulenberg and many other representatives of berg, and many other representatives of political and social rank. Count von Holsten visited the United States some 30 years ago, and was then to kindly received by friends of Mr. Phelps that he has been most lavish in his hospitality here to that gen-tleman and his colleagues during their stay. The American delegation occupies an en-tire floor of the Kaiserhof Hotel. Each member has his private bedroom and working room adjoining, and in the center of the suite is a large and handsomely furnished room which, during the day, is used as a reception room for formal visitors and in the evening as a common dining room. The work room of each commissioner is besieged day and night by newspaper mon representing London and American journals, but thus far their success in gettings news of the proceedings of the commission has been con-fined to what they have been able to get in the form of indignant denials from the Ger-

ALLEGHENY COUNCIL.S

The Crosstown Railway Ordinance Adopted -A Discussion to Give Councils More

Power, in Vain. In Allegheny Common Council last night considerable business was disposed of. Upon the call of wards the following papers were presented and referred to the proper com-

Petitions for a water main on Marion street. establish the grade of Arch street extension; water pipe on Knox street; vacating Hill street; for water troughs on main streets of the city; gas lamp on Nixon street; grading Margaret street; sewer on Laurel alley; steps on Stephen street; ordinances granting H. W. Ahlers the right to erect a frame warehouse on Ohio street; granting Pittsburg Union Passenger Railway Company right of way over certain streets; grading, paving and curbing Wayne street.

Resolutions for the repaving of Isabella street; gas lamp on Miller street; inviting the Thomas A. Armstrong Monument Committee to locate the monument in the park; crossing on Bidwell street; sewer on Howard street. Plan of lots in the Second ward.

Mr. McDonald presented a remonstrance against the Crosstown Railway ordinance, signed by the property holders on Montgomery avenue. sion; water pipe on Knox street; vacating Hill

Mr. Hox presented the report of the Street Railway Committee, recommending the adoption of the Crosstown Railway ordi-Mr. Parke said that he would like to ask about the clause delegating the power to the Street Railway Committee to approve any alteration that the company may make

customary to give a committee such power, reterring to the Water Committee approving machinery, etc.
Mr. McKirdy offered an amendment substituting the word "and" for "or" in the line, "as may be approved hereafter by the | the Committee on Street Railways or Coun-

plan that has been discussed favorably is to endow a bed, the sum being just the required amount. It is thought that in this tee and leaving it all to Councils. A discussion ensued on the amendments, in which Messrs. McDonald, Drum, Mc-Kirdy, Hox, Dahlinger and President Hunter took part. The amended amendment was put to vote and lost. The ordinance was then adopted by a vote of 32 ayes to 10 noes. Those voting no s to 10 noes. Those voting no were srs. Buente, Drum, Knox, McDonald,

McKirdy, Rynd, Simon, Stemmler, Thomas and Thompson. Ordinances were passed authorizing the grading of Hollinger alley and Colorado street. The action of Select Council was concurred with in approving plans of lots in the Tenth and Eleventh wards and adopting resolutions instructing the Committee on Gas to advertise for proposals for an electric light plant for the city and instructing the City Engineer to prepare plans for tunneling for two tracks from Strawberry the corner of Cedar avenue and

Cherry alley. AN INDIAN-EATING SNAKE.

Fifty-Foot Sernent, Which Swallowed Canor, Surprises a Traveler. They were discussing snake stories in the postoffice the other evening, says the Newbeiry, Mich., Independent, and, when everyone had told his best, Doc Ingalls pulled down the slides and then let off the follow-

ing true story:

When I was in Tennessee last winter I went hunting in the mountains, where I got lost, traveled around all day until, tired out, I sat down on a log to rest. After sitting there a while I thought the log moved, and jumped up and examined. I found, to my unspeakable amazement, that it was a large snake. I ran about 50 yards and fired at it, but the ball glanced off without hurting the snake. The monstrous reptile raised its head up about 50 feet, but I soon had another load in my gun, and this time aimed at the smooth place around the neck, where there seemed to be no scales. This made the snake awfully sick, and it spewed up a canoe and Indians.

WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

The Rumors About General Freight Agen Cromlich Going.

General Freight Agent Cromlich, of the Pittsburg and Western Railroad, has been much annoyed by the repeated rumors of his alleged resignation. He authorizes the statement that he has not resigned, and does not intend to. That ought to settle it. A Poor Boarding Bouse.

From the New York Weekly.J Miss De Pink-I will be so glad when George and I are married and he can have home of his own. Friend-He boards now, I support 'Yes, and such a time as he must have

Even their coffee can't be anything but hot

water and burnt peas because he has to

chew real coffee half the time to make up. Interesting Archmological Discovery.

Denver News, 7 A fine family of mound builders has just been dug up in Iowa. They were seven feet George Eckerman, 12 years of age, was high and had their hands at their ears *They everely burned about the face and hands had evidently just been called on by a book agent or a candidate for Congress. Or per-haps the head of the household was Presiresterday afternoon while attempting to shoot off a little cannon in the yard of his dent or Governor, and an office seeker had hunted him out in his home.

> Two Meetings of the W. C. T. U. Moorhead Union W. C. T. U. will hold their annual meetings to-morrow in the Southside Diamond at 3:30 P. M. and in the hall on Grant street at 7:30 P. M.

THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH

Again Discussed at the Pittsburg Club Theater Yesterday

BY THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dr. Campbell Must Come Before the Board or Stand the Law.

WHY LIQUORS ARE NOW ADULTERATED

Following the sensational disclosures in the State Board of Health sanitary convention reported in THE DISPATCH yesterday, Dr. Lee was seen by a reporter yesterday

Dr. Lee was seen by a reporter yesterday Dr. Lee was seen by a reporter yesterday morning and said: "No, we have heard nothing further. However, we will give the doctor time to explain. He may send his statement by mail, so we will wait a few days. If he then does not let us know something we will place the case in the hands of

the District Attorney." The McKeesport physician who was charged with issuing a false certificate appeared before the meeting at the Pittsburg Club theater vesterday and gave a satisfactory explanation, he being misinformed as to the cause of death.

The convention was called to order yester day morning at 10:30 by the presiding officer, William Metcalf, in the amusement hall of the Pittsburg Club theater. In a short speech Mr. Metcalf introduced Bishop Whitehead, who delivered prayer, and then Major W. C. Moreland was called upon and and energy to save the goods and the build-made a befitting address. He welcomed the ings; but when a dangerous epidemic breaks made a befitting address. He welcomed the visitors to the city of Pittsburg, whose humble representative he said he happened to be. Dr. Benjamin Lee, Secretary of the State Board of Health, then made a response in behalf of the visitors. He said: "It is a great pleasure to me to visit the city of Pittsburg. as it is a personal gratitude and the remarkable progress made by this city-the fine Court House, electric lights, well-paved streets, etc., -is wonderful. I paid a visit to an East End residence yesterday, and one of the first things I admired was the beautiful cellar. I advocate clean and airy cellars.

"Outside of New York the Pittsburg newspapers are the most progressive and advancing of any, and I here quote an article as a scene in the health office: The Board of Health is daily criticised, and the people have no idea what this body do. In Wilkes barre last summer when germs of disease were noticed, and the State Board of Health took active measures to destroy them, no praise was given for saving that city from a dangerous disease." Dr. Lee then said that there was an establishment of vital statistic in this State, but he said it was absolutely without machinery and was merely on paper, and until the law makes and citizens take some action it would rem ain the same REGARDING CELLAR AIR.

President Metcalf then announced Rev E. H. Lupple, Ph. D., of Philadelphia, who gave a talk on "Cellar Air in Houses. the article he advocated a clean cellar and air pipes to be placed in them. Dr. Goff, of Lewisburg, then stated that in his opinion that a cellar could not be kept clear and clean from the ground air, and he was in favor of having no cellars and building all ouses on the surface of the earth, as this, in his opinion, was the only manner of adjust-ing the much discussed question. Dr. Dudley also advocates the same thing. Mr. Howard E. Murphy, a civil engineer of Philadelphia, made a queer remark, saying "that the earth breathes like a human being." Dr. Sibbert, of Carliale, then gave his opinion on cellar air, which was very

Prof. Henry Leffman, food analyst of the Board of Agriculture, took for his subject "Fermented Beverages of Low Alcoholic Strength, Commonly Known as 'Soft Drinks.'" He said from a chemical point of view pure grape wine was the best. He said that owing to rigid discipline growing out of the license question that spruce beer and many alcoholic drinks were more dangerous now than before. He said that alcohol was not a true drink, and that when used in "soft drinks" it was injurious. Dr. Lee then gave a short address on the way to test the purification of the air in a sick room and exhibited a thernomole which was patented by a German doctor and indorsed by Dr. Abbott, of the State Board of Health of Massachusetts, for telling the condition of the air in the room. The meeting then

adjourned. The afternoon session was largely attended among the audience being quite a numbe of ladies. The convention was called to order at 3 o'clock by Mr. William Metcalf, of this city, who introduced Colonel T. P. Roberts, of this city, who read a paper on "The Future of Our Rivers and Sources of Water Sample." Water Supply." The paper was quite lengthy and in a technical manner dealt with the subject. The question of the polution of the tributaries and the larger streams by manufacturing establishments was fully dealt with, and while the writer regarded it as a matter of evil yet it had no

reached an alarming stage. PRECAUTION NECESSARY. Still something would have to be done t guard against this pollution, for, if not looked after, great dangers might arise. Pittsburg, the speaker said, used more water daily than any other city in the country outside of New York. When dealing with the question of sewers Mr. Roberts ted a curious fact that the Point, a locality without any sewerage system, and filled with filthy tenements is, as a rule, free from epidemics, while other and better located portions of the city, where there is a good sewerage system, are often visited with epidemics of typhoid fever and other dis-

"The Selection and Treatment of Water Supplies," by Prof. Henry Leffman, M. D., of Philadelphin, was an exhaustive docament, dealing with the subject in a tech-

nical manner. Two other very interesting papers were read, one on "The Proper Mode of Conduct-ing a Sanitary Inspection," by William B. Atkinson, of Philadelphia, Medical Inspector of the State Board of Health; and another by G. E. Abbott, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., on "Importance of Vital Statistics from a Physician's Standpoint.'

THE EVENING SESSION.

Three Interesting Papers Read-Health in the Village Homes Discussed-Percy Smith on Adulteration.

Last night's session was presided over b Chancellor Goff, of the Western University. The attendance at the evening session was not quite so large as in the afternoon, a fact which was greatly deplored by the officers as the papers read at the evening session were full of interest for those engaged in sanitary work. Previous to the opening of the convention Toerge's orchestra occupied the stage and rendered some charming

Secretary Lee read an invitation from the Executive Committee of the Homeopathic Hospital, asking the members of the convention to visit the hospital and inspect it. The invitation was accepted by a unanimous

The "Annual Address" was the title of a

music.

paper by Dr. Jackson Piper, President of the State Board of Health of Maryland. The speaker said that great results in sanitation cannot be expected unless the public sentiment is with them. The people mus be educated to sanitation; they must be made acquainted with the tainted land made acquainted with the tainted land, polluted water, etc. The students of science may meet and disques such matters, but that will not do any good. The way to it is that hygiene must be taught in all the schools, universities and colleges, and the question of cleauliness must be placed above all other matters. The press can render great aid in this work, and dependence must

be placed in it to educate the people on this

In country towns the question of sanita

tion must lay in the election of inte county commissioners, who will give the matter thought and deal with the question in an honest way, not from a political standpoint. This giving out the positions of physician and sanitary inspectors to men whose only claim is the service rendered to the party, will not bring successful results. The speaker said that in many towns of the 13 agricultural States the severage system. 13 agricultural States the sewerage system is old and bad, so that the question of anni-tation in them will be hard to build up. He homes of the country about whose beauties poets raved were as a rule more unhealthy than city homes, as they are often built over damp cellars, the rooms are low with but one window, and the ventilation therefore bad. The remedy was to build the country home with large and comfortable rooms, Prof. Charles A. Ashburner, geologist in charge of the coal statistics of the United States Geological Survey, is now preparing shade trees at a proper distance from the house; the well and outhouses so situated

tire house, and temporary awnings instead of permanent porches. HEALTH IN VILLAGE HOMES.

Henry B. Baker, M. D., Secretary of the State Board of Health of Michigan, was next introduced, and read a paper on "A Plea for Public Health Work in Villages." He started out by saying that, when a fire breaks out in a country village, everybody turns out to help the fire department put the fire out, and they work with all strength out, threatening to destroy many lives, there is no such rush to render aid and assistance.

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Now, is it not of more importance to save human life than property? It is a known face that villages will spend thousands of dollars to maintain a fire department and the spend little or nothing on a health board. Take the average village of 2,500 inhabitants and they have an average of 53 deaths per year, and most of these are caused by diphtheria, scarlet fever and

typhoid fever.

Seventy-five per cent of deaths from these diseases can be prevented if properly looked after; that is, by isolation and disinfection of persons and things in houses where the diseases are located. But in order to do this, villages must take as much care of the health department as they do of the fire department. It will cost some money, but more would be saved by the saving of the lives of the inhabitants. Inspectors have a lot of work to do there

should be house to house inspections at stated intervals, and the inspectors should have a good knowledge of the germs of disease. Isolation is the best thing for people suffering from communicable diseases. People in villages must be taught the danger of epidemies; then they will be more ready to help the inspectors, and it is my sincere hope that every village in Pennsylvania will employ its best physician as sanitary adviser and health officer. ADULTERATION OF FOOD. A paper on "The King's Evil" was to have been read by George Rohe, M. D., of Baltimore, Md., but he was not present, and Percy F. Smith, of this city, who was to

have read a paper at the afternoon session. but was unavoidably absent, was next in-troduced and read a paper on "Adulteration of Food and Drugs.' Mr. Smith stated that statistics show that the average cost of food per week for an in-dividual in the United States is only \$1 60, and that it would be natural to suppose, therefore, that every manufacturer of food in this country would honestly endeavor to provide for the masses nothing but pure food. Aside from special articles, such as condiments, or so-called fruit, jellies, coloring matter used in candies, syrups for soda water, etc., adulteration of food is not largely a sanitary question. In these there is danger; in other articles it is purely a commercial question.

The most prominent adulteration is the

prohibited in both Germany and France and should be in the United States. CONGRESS TO TAKE A HAND. This thing of adulteration will go or until Congress passes stringent laws prohibiting it altogether. The speaker favored the control of the matter by the State Board

of Health. What is wanted in the United States is a stringent law to be supplemented by a State law, State and local Boards of Health with police powers, an inspector or analyst in every Congressional district, and the cooperation of honest manufacturers to rigidly enforce the laws relating to adulteration, no matter in what form it may exist.

The greatest danger to the health of the

people in the way of impure food is from the sale of adulterated and impure milk, and to this adulteration is due one-fifth of the deaths among children. The speaker furnished statistics to show the great anulteration in drugs. He called attention to the law recently passed by the Legislature of Minnesota compelling milk dealers to give bonds that they furnish only pure milk. He further said that while Congress has closed the doors against infectious diseases of all kinds it has left them wide

open to adulterated food of all kinds. TAKE CARE OF THE POOR. The adulteration of food affects the poor class principally and investigation shows that it is in small packages that the greatest amount of adulteration is found, and it is this class of goods that reaches the poor, who have but limited means. The speaker said that the State is acknowledged as the guardian of the public health and this concession should settle the question as to who should be empowered to enforce health laws. Mr. Smith concluded his address by say ing that he was glad that the human was beginning to be recognized and that it will become a leading topic as soon as the better class of our citizens realize what a crime is wrought upon the poor.

Mr. Smith interspersed his address with humorous and laughable incidents and at

dered to the gentlemen who read the papers
of the evening and the meeting adjourned.
A conference of the inspectors of the State
Board of Health will be held this morning before the convention. Joseph Satlaues, an Italian, who had spent the evening in the house where the cutting affray occurred on Ferry street yes terday morning, was arrested yesterday and will be held as a witness. Harris, the man who did the cutting, has not been arrested, although the police of both cities are on the

its conclusion was generously applauded.

A vote of thanks was unanimously ten-

lookout for him. Coulson Thought Him Suspicious. Adam Wiser was arrested by Detective Coulson last night near the corner of Second avenue and Try street. The detective says Wiser was apparently lying in wait for someone, and knowing him to be a crook who was recently released from the work house, where he has spent considerable of his time, thought it best to put him behind

NOTES AND NOTIONS. Many Matters of Much and Little Momen

Tersely Treated. COLONEL J. M. REED, the Connells Alle coke man, is here to-day. DANIEL REARDON, aged 15, was Morganza yesterday as a vagrant.

COLONEL H. J. PARKER, of Parker's Land ing, was on the local 'Change to-day. Tom Rusii, the mighty mountaineer Fayette county, is one of our visitors to-day. REV. J. T. McCRORY will address a Consti cutional amendment meeting at Salisbury Hall-Southside, on Saturday evening. The South side Republican Band will furnish the music.

ALWAYS use Platt's Chlorides for house-old disinfection. You will like it.

FIGURES DO NOT LIE.

The Increased Production of Coal in Allegheny County Last Year

PROVES AN INTERESTING FACT.

What Natural Gas Has Done for Pittsburg. Coal Operation.

SOME NOTABLE PACTS FROM STATISTICS

The report of the annual coal production of the State of Pennsylvania, and especially of the county of Allegheny, has never been so fraught with interesting detail to the general public and to the coal trade of the Pittsburg coal district as this year.

his report of the production of coal in Pennsylvania during 1888, and, in an interview with a DISPATCH reporter last night, he gave some very interesting information regarding Allegheny county. The total production of bituminous coal in Pennsylvania during 1888 amounted to 33, 16,728 tons, an increase over the previous year of 2,277,879 tons. This enormous in-

crease in the coal production is especially attributable to the coal production of Allegheny county. During 1887 the Allegheny county miners produced 4,680,924 tons and in 1888 the production amounted to 5,575,575 tons, making

an increase of 894,581 tons. AN UNPRECEDENTED INCREASE. There never was such an increase experienced in the Allegheny county coal trade, because it was double the increase of

the years 1886 and 1887. The total production of bituminous coal in Pennsylvania during 1888 represents onethird of the entire coal production of the United States, whereas if the production of anthracite coal from Pennsylvania is added to the bituminous coal production, is is proven that Pennsylvania's annual coal production represents 60 per cent of the entire coal production of

the United States. To return to the production of Allegheny county mines, it is necessary to state that the enormous increase is not due to an iucrease in mines, but solely to the increased average production of each mine. It is a fact that only one new mine has been put into operation during the last year.

This great increase of the production is of the utmost importance, because the consumption of natural gas in this district has also increased to enormous proportions which proves that the increase of coal production was not caused by a greater local demand. There are nearly 30,000 private families using natural gas in Allegheny county, and over 1,000 manufacturing places, which demand a daily supply of 6,000,000 cubic feet of the natural fuel. If this amount of fuel were to be replaced by coal, if would amount to 8,500,000 tons a year. It must, however, be remembered that this amount of coal has not been actually displaced, but natural gas has caused a num-ber of new industries to spring up in Allegheny county, and, besides that, people use more fuel since they have had the gas than

they would have done were they still using

THE CAUSE EXPLAINED. But you will ask how is this enormous increase in the production of coal to be ac-counted for if coal is not used here. The reason is very simple. The coal of Allegheny county has proved to be the best ar-ticle of its kind in the market. That is all, and the proofs of this assertion can be traced as easily as anything. In 1884 and 1885 the coal producers of

Allegheny were very much alarmed at the use of salisylic acid as a preservative, which, according to the best information, has been natural gas was being everywhere introduced here, and their local market went down to the bottom notch. The price of coal went down to 88 cents at the mines. The operators thought the coal trade was going to the dogs. At last they tried a

remedy.

They shipped their product into other markets. They became competitors to all the other coal producing States, and the beginning was a hard struggle. Why? because the efficacy of Pittsburg coal in coparison to the other coal was not known. But the next year already the scale began to turn. As soon as the consumers over the country found out that Pittsburg coal is better than coal from Ohio, Indiana,

Michigan, Illinois, Tennessee, Kentu and Missouri the output increased and THE PRICE WENT UP. In 1887 the coal producers of the Pittsburg district got 10 cents more for coal at the mines than the year before, and last year they got 5 cents more than the year previous. This proves that the coal from this district has a greater efficacy and is of better quality than any other coal in the United States; it proves that Pittsburg coal is dis-tributed over a larger portion of the land than any other coal, and hence the increase of the production of coal in the Pittsburg district during the year 1888 is unprece-dented in the history of the coal trade in the

United States. This knowledge was gained by the introduction of the use of natural The following table shows the production of coal during the last year in the counties

omprising the Pittsburg coal district:

HE GETS THE MONEY. A Peculiar Manner in Which to Leave a

Fortune.

PRECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. NEW YORK, May 31 .- Charles H. Edwards gave his friend, James M. Ridden, a small tin box shortly before undergoing a dangerous operation in a hospital some time ago. The operation proved fatal. Upon opening the box after his friend's death, Ridden found bank books containing receipts for \$40,000 in deposits and instruc-tions signed by Edwards to keep the

give Ridden the money. Ridden sued the banks. His test suit sgainst the Union Dime Savings Bank was decided in his favor by the Supreme Court in Brooklyn Importers Have Some Rights.

James Thrall, of Jersey City, who claimed

to be Edwards' cousin and heir, ordered the

banks in which Edwards had credits not to

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] NEW YORK, May 31 .- Some time ago Robert L. Montgomery, a New York

merchant, sued the steamship Port Adelaide for compensation for the expense of removing a large quantity o tea to New York from the Roberts' store in Brooklyn. He maintained that the tea should have been unloaded at an East River dock near his warehouse, where the Port Adelaide's berth was when he contracted for the transports tion. In deciding the suit to-day the judge held that whenever a ship departs from its custom in discharging a cargo the cargo owners must be compensated for the extra expense of carting. He ordered the Port Adelaide to pay Mr. Montgomery the amount claimed.

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